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The Woman's Board of Home Missions: The General Assembly of 1875 recommended a central organization to be exclusively devoted to woman's work for Home Missions, and the Assembly of the succeeding year authorized the Synods to appoint committees of women to co-operate with the Home Board in bringing this about.

How Formed: A convention of Synodical delegates was held in December of 1878 in the Bible House, New York City. The meeting resulted in the appointment of the Woman's Executive Committee as an organ of communication between the Synodical Committee and the Board of Home Missions, having its headquarters at New York.

Branches: Every Synod has now appointed a committee of women for Home Mission work. It is greatly desired that every Presbytery should have its Presbyterial society of women, and a Home Missionary Society in every church; also that the young people in Bands, Sabbath Schools, and Christian Endeavor Societies should be enlisted in work for Home Missions.

The Work: FIRST.—The Woman's Board co-operates with the Board of Home Missions, undertaking no work without its approval. SECOND.—The duties undertaken by them are the following: 1. To raise money for the support of the **Educational Work** under the care of the Board of Home Missions, namely, teachers' salaries, school buildings and equipment, and for general Home Mission purposes. 2. To diffuse information regarding Home Mission work and to increase interest in the cause. 3. To provide Home Missionary boxes.

Schools: Mission day schools are established among the exceptional populations—Alaskans, Indians, Mexicans, Mormons, Mountaineers, etc.—wherever a promising opening occurs, if the state of the treasury permits. The present plan is to establish, also, near the center of each mission field, a school of higher grade then these schools, for the training of teachers and mission workers. Prominence is given in most of these higher schools to industrial training. In addition to this, Chapel school houses are built for day schools, and suitable buildings erected for boarding and industrial schools by funds raised by

the Woman's Board. Auxiliary Societies are permitted, by action of General Assembly in 1884, to contribute to schools among the Freedmen through the Woman's Board of Home Missions.

Work Accomplished:

	Teachers.	Funds.
*1878-79		$3,138.89
1879-80	25	11,467.49
1880-81	52	27,793.24
1881-82	64	53,084.83
1882-83	133	68,231.18
1883-84	144	108,596.45
1884-85	175	128,523.36
1885-86	199	175,910.76
1886-87	215	191,960.30
1887-88	264	226,067.24
1888-89	318	$330,6
1889-90	361	337,8
1890-91	340	338,8
1891-92	360	364,1
1892-93	379	373,1
1893-94	368	335,6
1894-95	391	367,333.13
1895-96	378	315,941.00
1896-97	308	333,899.20
1897-98	329	394,348.25
1898-99	347	330,055.39
1899-00	372	345,857.53

*Four months.

Summary for 1899-00:

	Schools.	Teachers.	Pupils.
Among the Alaskans	11	34	699
" Indians	18	88	1402
" Mexicans	25	48	1446
" Mormons	29	70	1478
" Mountaineers	37	118	2986
" Foreigners	5	10	295
" Porto Ricans	1	4	140
Total	126	372	8446

The Home Mission Monthly: This illustrated magazine, published by the Woman's Board of Home Missions, is indispensable to intelligent co-operation in woman's work for Home Missions. Each number contains fresh news from mission fields, suggestive plans of work, and a carefully prepared program on the topic of the month. Every Presbyterian woman, and especially every officer in each Auxiliary Society, should be a subscriber. *Subscription price*, 50c., which should be forwarded to Miss S. F. Lincoln, 156 Fifth Ave., New York.

Over Sea and Land: This missionary magazine for the young, published jointly by the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary organizations, has many attractive features, and should be widely circulated among Bands, Sunday Schools and Junior Christian Endeavor Societies. *Subscription*, 35c., in clubs of five or more, to one address, 25c., yearly. Published at 503 Witherspoon Building, Philadelphia, Pa.

Literature: For printed information on the regular mon topics and the work of the Woman's Board address Lit ture Department, 156 Fifth Avenue, New York, N. Y. S for catalogue of publications furnished without charge.

Illustrated Lectures: For information regarding stereopticon lectures illustrating the work among our exceptional populations, address Rev. D. E. Finks, 156 Fifth Avenue, New York, N. Y.